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MODEL RAILWAY STATIONS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some railway stations in East Coast Zone in Orissa have been declared as Model Stations as per the declaration made in 1999-2000 Railway Budget;

(b) if so, the names thereof and the details of the development undertaken in such railway stations during these years;

(c) the total amount allocated for such category of stations during last three years and specific work programmed/ implemented against each such station thererof;

(d) whether Bhadrak railway station in this Zone in spite of being a Model Station has not been provided with even sufficient platform shelters in all the platforms i.e. No. 1, No.2, No. 3 and No. 4; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a) & (b): In the Railway Budget 1999-2000, it was declared that all efforts will be made to make atleast one station in each division as model station where higher level of passenger amenities will be provided. Consequent upon the announcement so made, 2 stations of East Coast Railway from the State of Orissa i.e. Bhubaneswar and Puri were selected as Model Stations. As on date 20 stations of East Coast Railway from the State of Orissa have been selected as Model Stations.

These are Badakhandita, Brahmapur, Bhadrak, Bhubaneswar, Byree, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Golanthra, Jajpur-Keonjhar Road, Kapilas Road, Khurda Road, Puri, Rahama, Sambalpur, Surla Road, Titlagarh, Rayagada, Balugaon, Sambalpur Road and Kesinga.

(c) to (e): Station-wise funds are not maintained. Funds are allocated under Plan Head − Passenger Amenities which include works relating to development of stations under model station scheme also. Funds allocated to East Coast Railway under Plan Head − Passenger Amenities during last three years are as under: -

During 2005-06 Rs.8.96 Crore

During 2006-07 Rs.13.44 Crore

During 2007-08 Rs.24.57 Crore

For the purpose of upgradation of amenities, stations are identified under model stations scheme and such stations are provided with higher level of amenities called "Desirable Amenities" specified for the category of the station. The amenities requiring less expenditure are provided first and completed at such model stations and the remaining amenities planned for completion latest by 31st December, 2009.

Bhadrak railway station is an 'A' category station of East Coast Railway and minimum essential amenities have already been provided at this station. This station has been developed as model station. There is no shortfall in platform shelter at this station. On platform No. 1 & 2 and 3 & 4, platform shelter measuring 1150 and 638 sqm respectively has been provided which is more than the prescribed norm.